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§4–204.

(a) In this section, the words “accessory before the fact” and “principal” have their judicially determined meanings.

(b) Except for a sentencing proceeding under § 2–304 of the Criminal Law Article:

(1) the distinction between an accessory before the fact and a principal is abrogated; and

(2) an accessory before the fact may be charged, tried, convicted, and sentenced as a principal.

(c) An accessory before the fact may be charged, tried, convicted, and sentenced for a crime regardless of whether a principal in the crime has been:

(1) charged with the crime;

(2) acquitted of the crime; or

(3) convicted of a lesser or different crime.

(d) If a crime is committed in the State, an accessory before the fact may be charged, tried and convicted, and sentenced in a county where:

(1) an act of accessoryship was committed; or

(2) a principal in the crime may be charged, tried and convicted, and sentenced.

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